



the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE
AUTHORITY

MARVEL
COMICS
GROUP

IND.

40
SEPT

12¢

"SPIDEY
SAVES
THE DAY!"

THE END OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!

"SPIDEY SAVES THE DAY!"

FEATURING!

THE END OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!

IF YOU MISSED OUR LAST ISH BECAUSE YOU WERE ORBITING EARTH ON A SPACE SHIP (THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR A TRUE SPIDOPHILE'S COPPING OUT), ALL WE NEED TELL YOU IS THAT SPIDEY HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND UNMASKED BY THE GREEN GOBLIN... ONLY TO LEARN THAT HIS UBQUITOUS ENEMY IS NONE OTHER THAN **NORMAN OSBORN**, FATHER OF PETER'S COLLEGE CLASSMATE, **HARRY OSBORN**! AND NOW, **TIGER**, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN...

I'VE GOT TO STALL FOR TIME... KEEP HIM TALKING... WHILE I STRAIN AGAINST THESE STEEL ALLOY COILS HE'S TIED ME WITH!

TAKE A LOOK AT MY FACE, PARKER... A GOOD, LONG LOOK! IT'S THE LAST FACE YOU'LL EVER SEE... IN THIS LIFE!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WOULD BE YOU, OSBORN! ANYONE WHO'D HAVE A SON LIKE HARRY...

HARRY?? YOU KNOW MY SON?!!

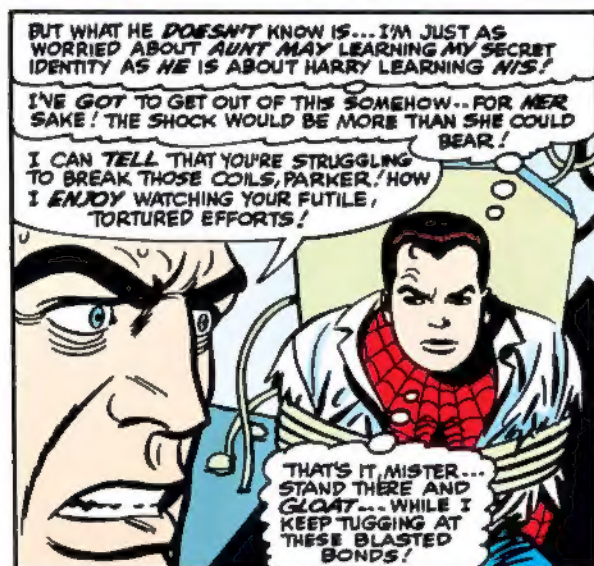
CONCEIVED IN FANTASY, AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MARVELITES ARE ENTITLED TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF COMIC BOOK QUALITY! SO SAY WE ALL.

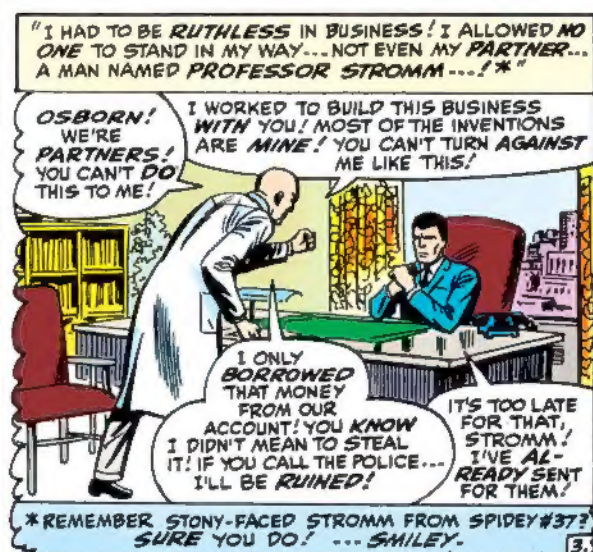
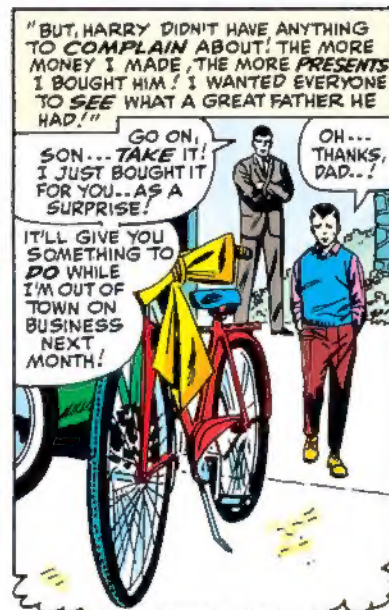
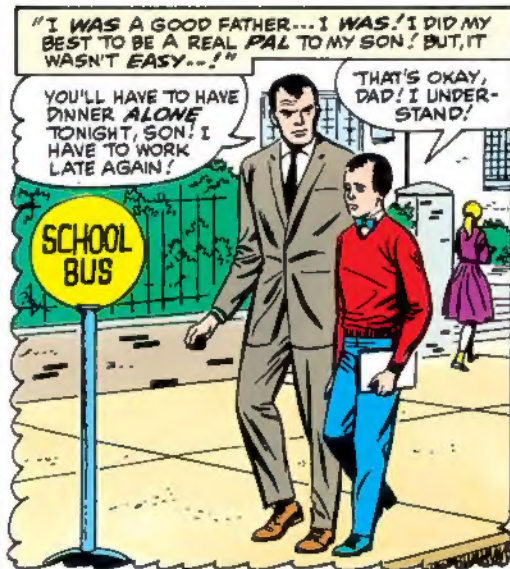
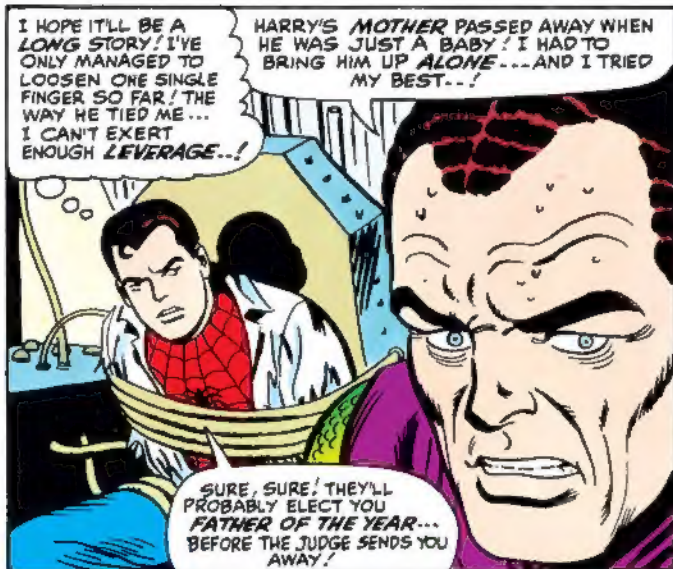
STAN
LEE
WRITER

JOHN
ROMITA
PENCILER

MICKY
DEMEO
INKER

SAM
ROSEN
LETTERER





"PERHAPS I WAS TOO HARD ON STROMM... BUT IT WAS HIS OWN FAULT FOR BEING CARELESS... AND IT GAVE ME COMPLETE CONTROL OF MY BUSINESS!"

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, OSBORN! I WON'T BE IN JAIL FOREVER... AND WHEN I GET OUT... I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE! I SWEAR IT!

YOU ALWAYS WERE TOO EMOTIONAL, STROMM! THAT LITTLE OUTBURST OF YOURS DOESN'T IMPRESS ME A BIT!

TAKE HIM AWAY, GENTLEMEN! I'LL BE IN COURT TO PREFER CHARGES IN THE MORNING!

I'VE TOLD YOU SO MUCH... I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU THE REST! AFTER ALL, MY SECRET WILL DIE WITH YOU!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, MISTER!

THERE! THAT'S ANOTHER FINGER I MANAGED TO WORK LOOSE!

SO? WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU WIN A GREEN COSTUME IN A RAFFLE, OR SOMETHING?

YOU'RE MOCKING ME, ARE YOU...?

"AND THEN, HARRY CAME IN... BUT I COULDN'T BE BOTHERED WITH HIM AT A TIME LIKE THAT..."

DAD, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? IT'S PARENTS' NIGHT AT MY SCHOOL THIS EVENING! WE SHOULD BE THERE BY NOW!

FORGET IT, SON! I CAN'T MAKE IT NOW! YOU GO ON AHEAD... MAYBE I'LL GET THERE BEFORE IT'S OVER!

BUT, I THOUGHT...

I SAID FORGET IT!

SO THAT'S WHY STROMM TRIED TO KILL YOU WITH THAT ROBOT OF HIS! AND THAT'S WHY YOU RESENTED SPIDER-MAN'S HELP!

UH-OH! HE'S TOO QUIET! I'VE GOTTA GET HIM TALKING AGAIN!

WHAT A JOKE! ME, TRYING TO SAVE THE GREEN GOBLIN!

I STILL DON'T GET IT, OSBORN! YOU BECAME WEALTHY... SUCCESSFUL! YOU ACHIEVED YOUR GOAL...

SO, WHAT MADE YOU TURN TO CRIME? WHAT MADE YOU BECOME THE GREEN GOBLIN?

"WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU MAY HAVE YOUR LITTLE JOKE! IT'S THE LAST YOU'LL EVER ENJOY! AS FOR ME, I STILL REMEMBER THAT FATEFUL NIGHT... WHEN IT HAPPENED..."

THESE NOTES OF STROMM'S... WHICH I FOUND IN HIS DESK... CONTAIN SOME NEW, STRANGE-LOOKING FORMULAS!

SINCE HE'S IN PRISON NOW, I'LL CHECK THEM OUT! IF THEY'RE WORTH ANYTHING, I'LL BE ABLE TO CASH IN ON THEM!

"IT'S A GOOD THING I DIDN'T GO... BECAUSE, IF I HAD... I MIGHT NEVER HAVE BECOME THE GREEN GOBLIN!"

"INSTEAD, I STAYED AND WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT... HOUR AFTER HOUR... UNTIL, JUST BEFORE DAWN..."

THE SOLUTION IS TURNING GREEN! BUT... WHY? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IT'S BEGINNING TO BUBBLE... TO FROTH... AND THAT SOUND... IT'S STEAMING...!

"AND THEN...A SECOND LATER...THE WORLD EXPLODED BEFORE ME...!"

WHOOOM!

"I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR WEEKS, AS THE BEST SURGEONS IN THE STATE WORKED NIGHT AND DAY TO SAVE MY LIFE!"

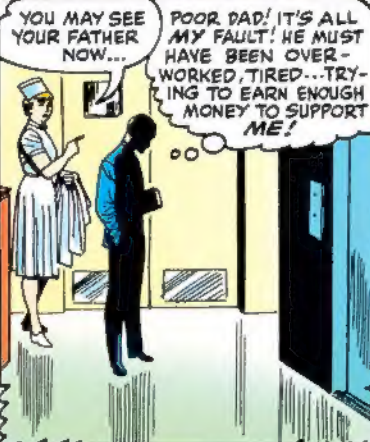
THE DAMAGE IS DEEP WITHIN HIS BRAIN, BUT...THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN REACH IT!



AT LEAST WE'VE SAVED HIS LIFE! HIS RECOVERY SHOULD BE RAPID NOW!

"THE FOOLS! THEY THOUGHT MY BRAIN HAD BEEN DAMAGED! THEY DIDN'T SUSPECT THAT THE ACCIDENT MADE ME MORE BRILLIANT THAN I HAD EVER BEEN! NO ONE SUSPECTED...NOT EVEN MY SON!"

YOU MAY SEE YOUR FATHER NOW...



POOR DAD! IT'S ALL MY FAULT! HE MUST HAVE BEEN OVER-WORKED, TIRED...TRYING TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT ME!

"BUT, I HAD NO PATIENCE WITH HARRY...OR WITH ANYBODY! I WANTED TO BE ALONE...TO THINK...TO PLAN! SO, A FEW DAYS LATER..."

GO DOWNSTAIRS AND CALL A TAXI! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!



AND GET THAT HANG-DOG LOOK OFF YOUR FACE! IT BOTHERS ME!

HOW DID SOMEONE LIKE ME EVER HAVE A SNIVELING WEAKLING OF A SON LIKE YOU?!!

DAD...WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU ANGRY AT ME? WHA...WHAT HAVE I DONE?

YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING! THAT'S THE TROUBLE! YOU'RE A SPINELESS JELLYFISH...LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!



NOW BE QUIET! I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE!

"ALTHOUGH NOBODY KNEW IT, MY ACCIDENT HAD MADE ME THINK CLEARER THAN EVER BEFORE! SUDDENLY, A DARING PLAN TOOK SHAPE IN MY MIND..."

I'M STRONGER...SMARTER...TOUGHER THAN ANYONE ELSE! AND I HAVE ALL SORTS OF SCIENTIFIC DEVICES IN MY CHEMICAL COMPANY THAT I CAN USE!



I COULD BECOME THE GREATEST COSTUMED CRIMINAL OF ALL TIME!!

"THE IDEA BECAME AN OBSESSION WITH ME! IT HAUNTED ME NIGHT AND DAY! I KNEW I HAD TO DO IT! AND SO, MANY MONTHS LATER..."

THE FACE IS PERFECT! NOW TO DESIGN THE REST OF THE COSTUME!



I'LL MAKE IT MY FAVORITE COLOR...GREEN!

"AND SO...AT LAST...THE **GREEN GOBLIN** WAS BORN!"



NOW FOR MY FIRST VICTIM...

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN HIMSELF!

I SELECTED YOU BECAUSE I KNEW THE UNDERWORLD WOULD RESPECT ANYONE WHO COULD DEFEAT YOU! BUT, YOU THWARTED ME DURING OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER!

I'M AWFULLY SORRY TO HAVE BEEN SO UNCOOPERATIVE!



I'M STILL NOWHERE WITH THESE COILS!! HOW MUCH LONGER CAN I KEEP HIM TALKING?

BUT NOW, THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE **GREEN GOBLIN** TO ACHIEVE HIS GREATEST TRIUMPH!



I'VE WAITED MONTHS FOR THIS SUPREME MOMENT... FOR THIS VICTORY WHICH FATE COULD NEVER DENY ME!

I CAN'T GIVE UP NOW... I **MUSTN'T!** FOR THE SAKE OF AUNT MAY! BUT...THE STEEL ALLOY IS TOO **STRONG**...I...I STILL CAN'T **SNAP** IT!!

HOW **FITTING** IT IS THAT THE FACE OF THE **GREEN GOBLIN** SHALL BE THE **LAST SIGHT** YOU'LL EVER BEHOLD...IN THIS LIFETIME!



HE WAS JUST A GREEDY, RUTHLESS **BUSINESSMAN** BEFORE HIS ACCIDENT... BUT THE **CHEMICAL** CHANGED HIM...FOR THE WORSE!

BUT, I **MUSTN'T** LET THE END BE TOO **EASY** FOR YOU...

NOW, WHAT DO I **DO**? HOW DO YOU REASON WITH A **MADMAN**??!



FIRST, YOU MUST **SIT** THERE... HELPLESSLY...AND WONDER **HOW** I SHALL STRIKE... AND AT WHAT **PRECISE INSTANT** YOU'LL PERISH!

THEY SAY A MAN'S *ENTIRE LIFE* FLASHES BEFORE HIM IN A MOMENT OF DEADLY CRISIS! AND, SO IT IS WITH **PETER PARKER** ...

I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE! I'VE FACED THE GRIM REAPER TOO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST! BUT, NEVER TO SEE **BETTY BRANT** AGAIN... NEVER TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO **AUNT MAY**...

BEG, PARKER! PLEAD FOR MERCY! WHY WON'T YOU **BEG**??

BUT, EVEN AS THE ANGUISHED YOUTH DESPERATELY CONTINUES TO STRAIN AGAINST HIS BONDS, TRYING TO SHUT OUT THE GOBLIN'S TAUNTS... AT A MODEST FRAME HOUSE IN FOREST HILLS, WE FIND...

OH, ANNA DEAR... I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD COME! I-I'M SO WORRIED!

NOW, NOW, MAY! YOU *KNOW* THE DOCTOR TOLD YOU THAT YOU MUSTN'T GET UPSET!

I'M SURE IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING **SERIOUS**!

BUT, PETER HAS NEVER STAYED AWAY SO LONG... WITHOUT EVEN **CALLING**!

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A **GOOD BOY**... BUT HE'S SO FRAIL! I KNOW SOMETHING MUST HAVE **HAPPENED**! I JUST KNOW IT!

MAY PARKER! I'M SURPRISED AT YOU! YOU GET **HOLD** OF YOURSELF THIS VERY MINUTE!

WHAT WOULD **PETER** SAY IF HE SAW YOU LIKE THIS?

HE'S PROBABLY OUT ON A DATE... HAVING A GOOD TIME... AND HE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW **LATE** IT IS!

EVEN MY **MARY JANE** HAS COME HOME LATE OCCASIONALLY!

BUT... I JUST CAN'T HELP **WORRYING**...

WAIT A MINUTE! DOESN'T HE SOMETIMES SELL PHOTOGRAPHS TO **MR. JAMESON**, AT THE "DAILY BUGLE"?

PERHAPS HE'S AT JAMESON'S OFFICE RIGHT **NOW**? NEWSPAPER BUILDINGS STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT!

PLEASE, ANNA... YOU CALL! I-I'M TOO **NERVOUS**!

OF **COURSE**, DEAR! I'LL DO IT RIGHT NOW!

BUT, AFTER FINALLY GETTING PAST AN OVERWORKED SECRETARY...

NO! PARKER *ISN'T* HERE! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE... A **LOST AND FOUND** DEPARTMENT?!!

HE'S PROBABLY OUT STEALING **HUBCAPS** SOMEWHERE!

EMPTY-HEADED **TEEN-AGERS**! THEY'RE ALL **ALIKE**!

MISS BROWN!! COME IN HERE... WITH YOUR **NOTEBOOK**!

I WANT TO DICTATE AN **EDITORIAL** ABOUT HOW THE **YOUNGER** GENERATION'S GOING TO THE **DOGS**!

THEN I'LL DO ONE ABOUT THE **OLDER** GENERATION, TOO!

MIGHT AS WELL **BLAST EVERYONE**!

SLAM!

AND, AFTER MRS. WATSON HAS GIVEN MAY PARKER THE NEWS... AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE...

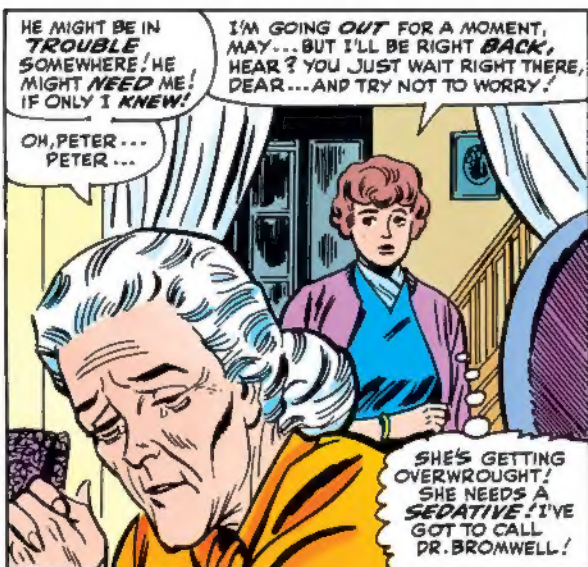
YOU **MUSTN'T** WORRY, DEAR! THERE ARE SO MANY **OTHER** PLACES HE MIGHT BE!

ANNA, YOU DON'T **KNOW** PETER THE WAY I DO!

HE'S THE MOST **CONSIDERATE** BOY IN THE WORLD!

HE'D **NEVER** STAY OUT LATE WITHOUT **CALLING** ME!

...UNLESS... SOMETHING'S **HAPPENED**...

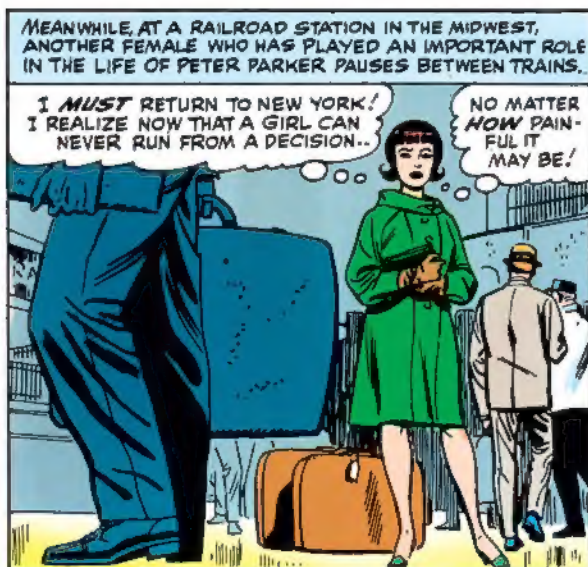


HE MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE SOMEWHERE, HE MIGHT NEED ME! IF ONLY I KNEW!

I'M GOING OUT FOR A MOMENT, MAY... BUT I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, HEAR? YOU JUST WAIT RIGHT THERE, DEAR... AND TRY NOT TO WORRY!

OH, PETER... PETER...

SHE'S GETTING OVERWROUGHT! SHE NEEDS A SEDATIVE! I'VE GOT TO CALL DR. BROMWELL!



I MUST RETURN TO NEW YORK! I REALIZE NOW THAT A GIRL CAN NEVER RUN FROM A DECISION...

NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT MAY BE!



THIS IS ART ROBERTS, AT STATION WLS IN CHICAGO, WONDERING WHY NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD OF SPIDER-MAN THESE PAST FEW DAYS...

SPIDER-MAN!! THE MASKED ADVENTURER WHOM PETER ADMIRES! HOW I HATE THE VERY SOUND OF HIS NAME!

HE REPRESENTS EVERYTHING I DREAD... DANGER... UNCERTAINTY... AND FEAR!



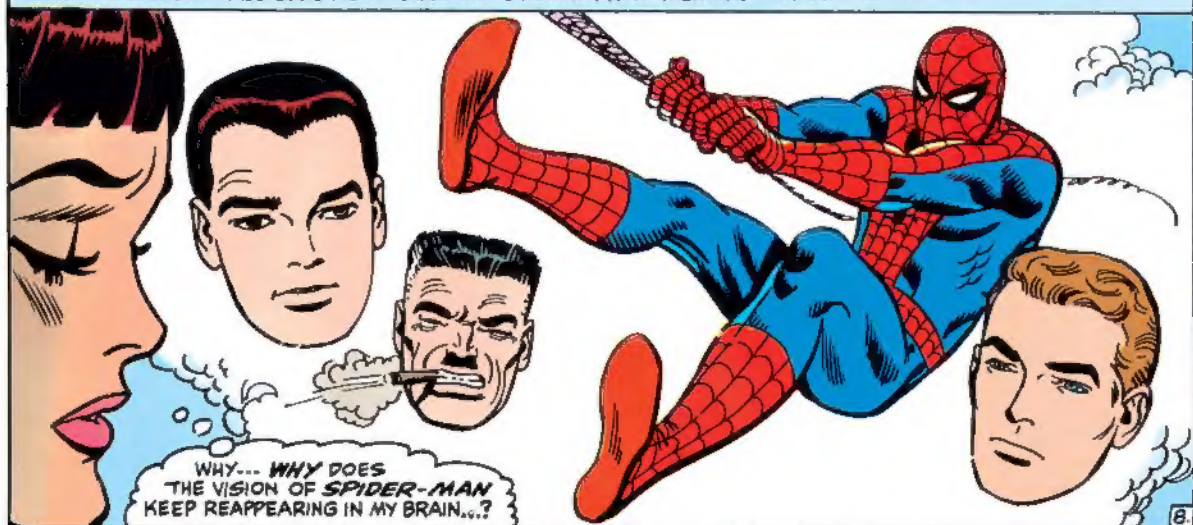
BUT, WHY DWELL ON SPIDER-MAN WHEN I HAVE A FAR BIGGER PROBLEM!?

IF I RETURN TO THE DAILY BUGLE, WILL MR. JAMESON GIVE ME MY OLD JOB BACK?

AND, IF HE DOES... WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE, SEEING PETER PARKER AND NED LEEDS AGAIN?

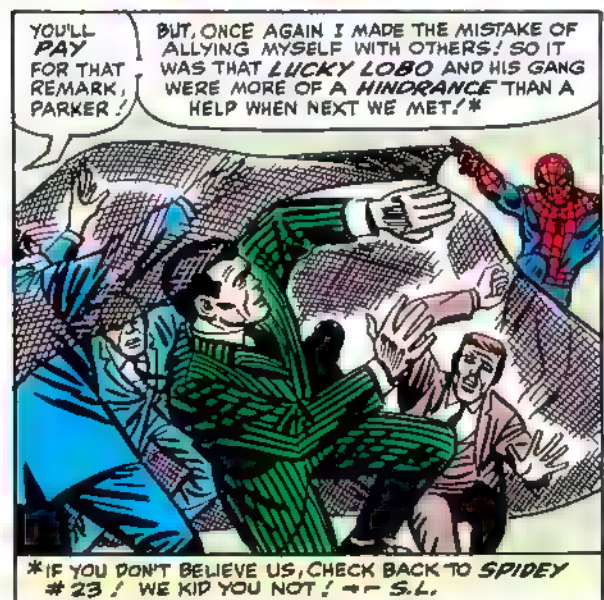
AND, WHAT WILL THEY SAY WHEN THEY SEE ME? WILL THERE STILL BE A PLACE IN THEIR LIVES FOR... BETTY BRANT?

THUS, THE SAD-EYED GIRL WALKS THROUGH THE STATION, IMMERSED IN HER OWN TROUBLED THOUGHTS... AND STRANGELY UNABLE TO ERASE THE HAUNTING IMAGE OF A COSTUMED FIGURE... A FIGURE WHO SEEMS TO SOMEHOW OVERSHADOW ALL ELSE AS HE SILENTLY SWINGS FROM MEMORY TO MEMORY...

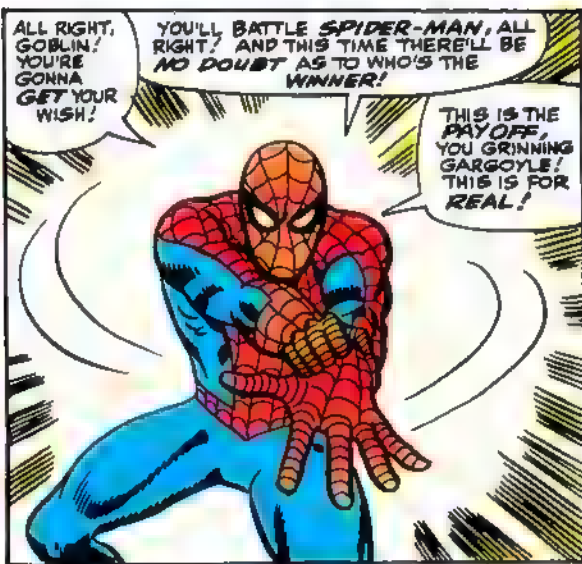


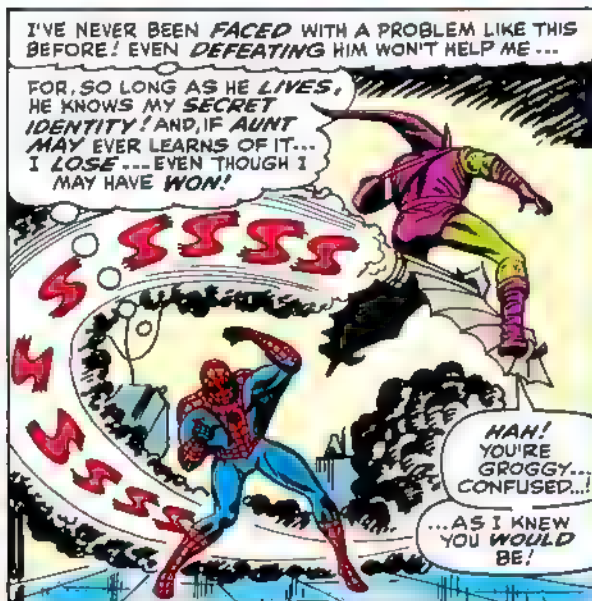
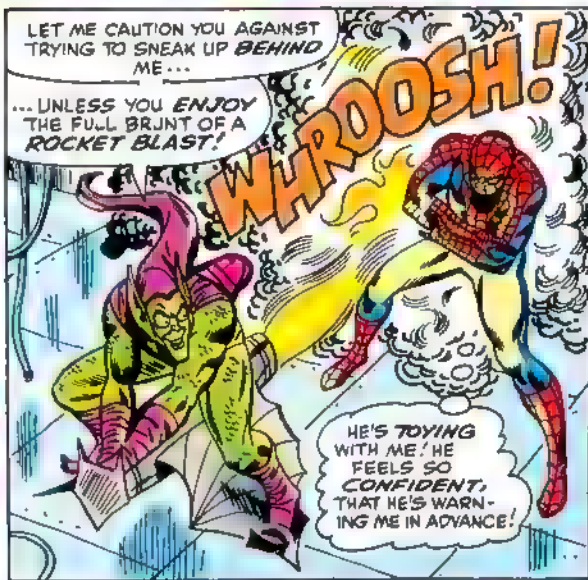
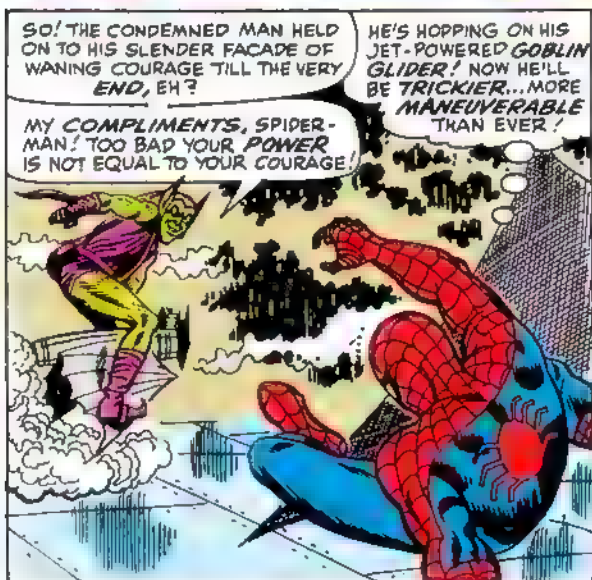
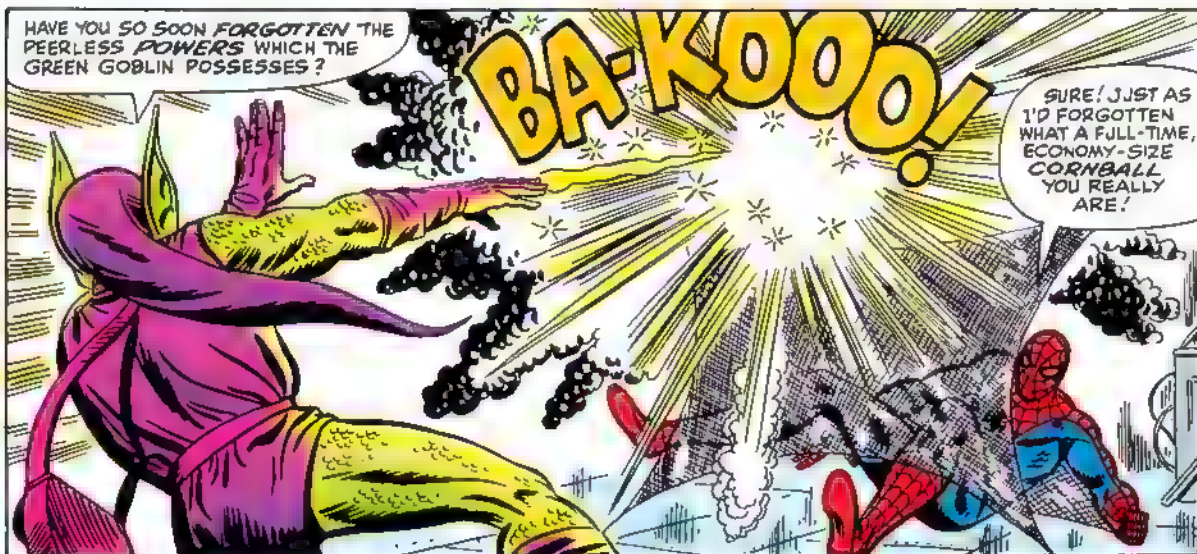
WHY... WHY DOES THE VISION OF SPIDER-MAN KEEP REAPPEARING IN MY BRAIN...?

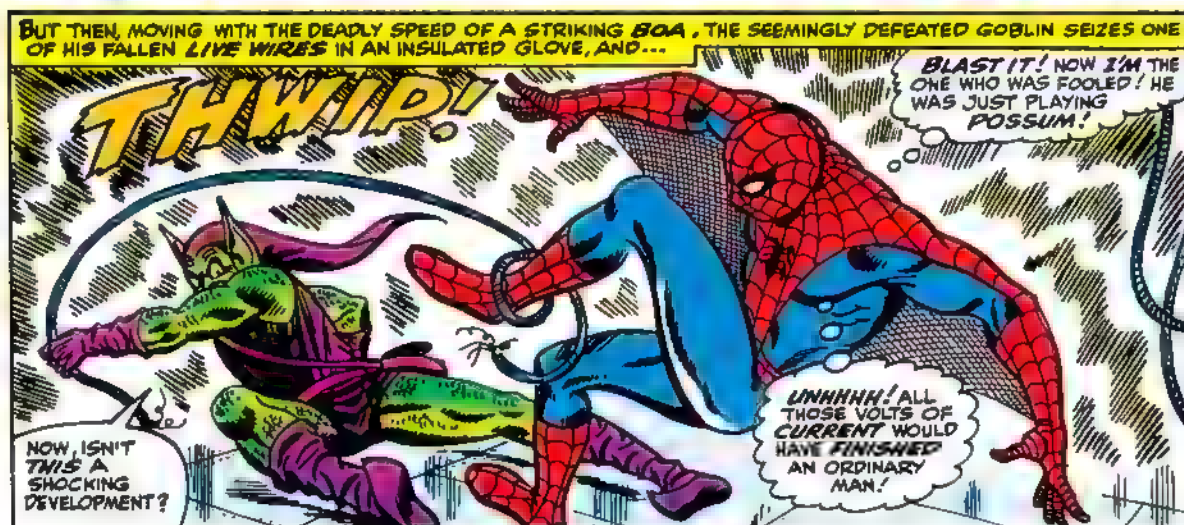
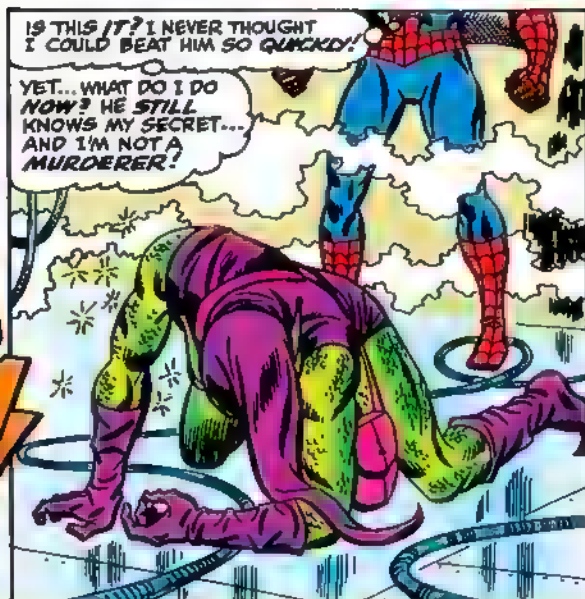
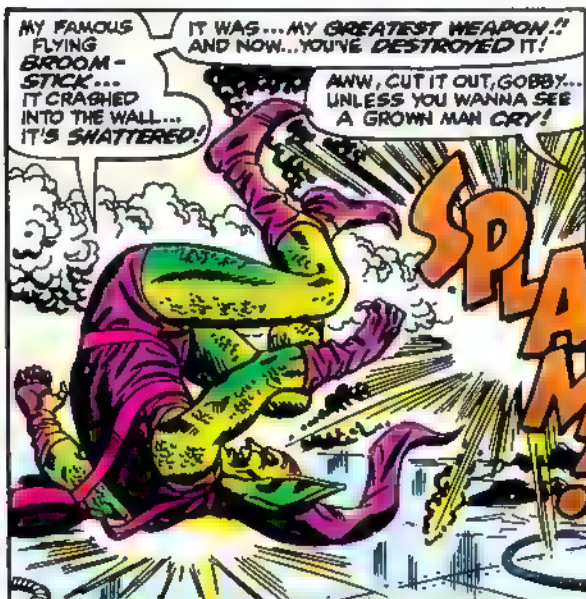


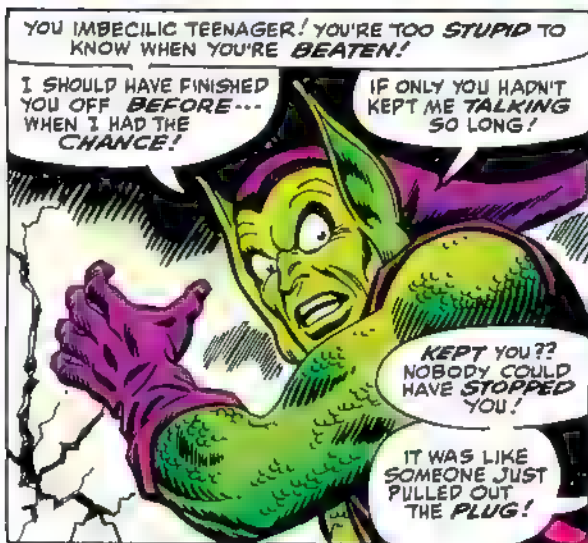
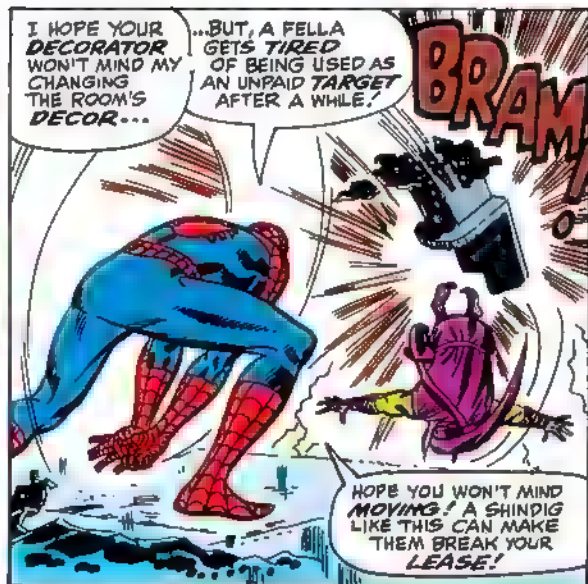














YOU'VE CHOSEN THE WRONG ADJECTIVE, SPIDER-MAN! WASHED-UP WOULD BE MORE TO THE POINT!

PHISSST!

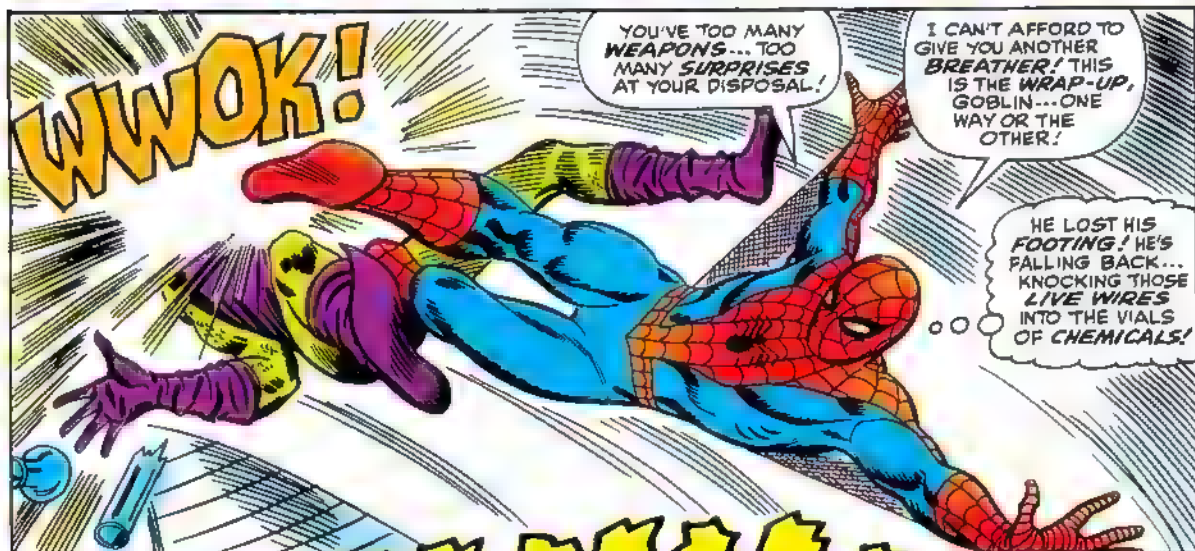
PERHAPS MY STRENGTH CAN'T SAVE ME NOW, GOBBY... BUT I'VE ANOTHER ACE IN THE HOLE...



DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF MY SWINGIN' SPIDER SPEED?!!

IT'S SO SUBLIME, I'M SURPRISED NO ONE'S WRITTEN A SONNET ABOUT IT!

WHUHH!



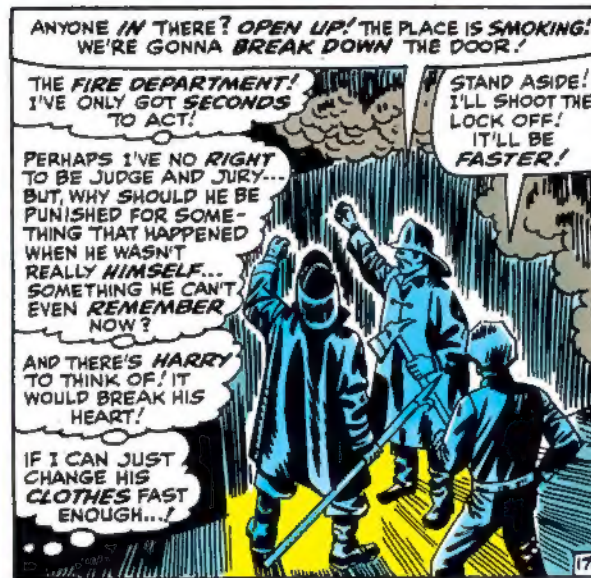
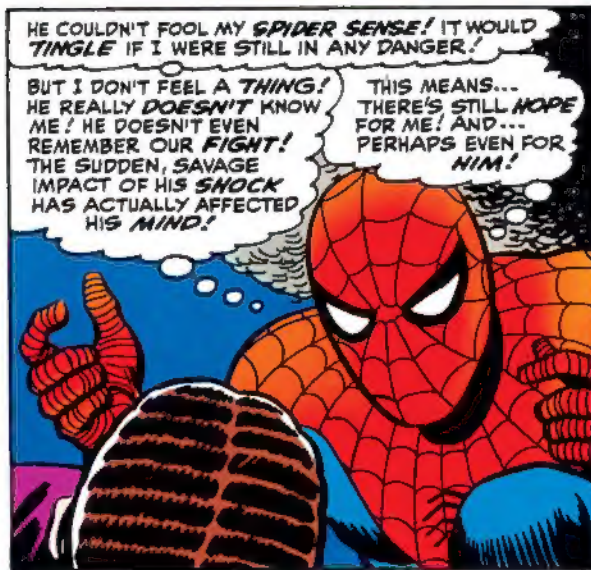
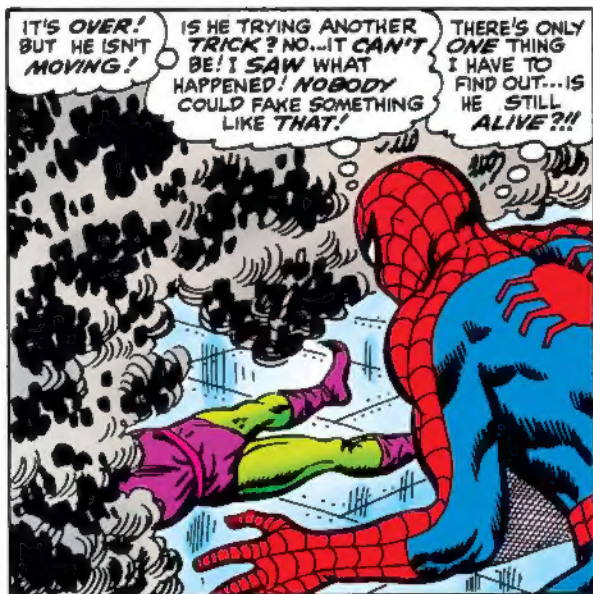
YOU'VE TOO MANY WEAPONS... TOO MANY SURPRISES AT YOUR DISPOSAL!

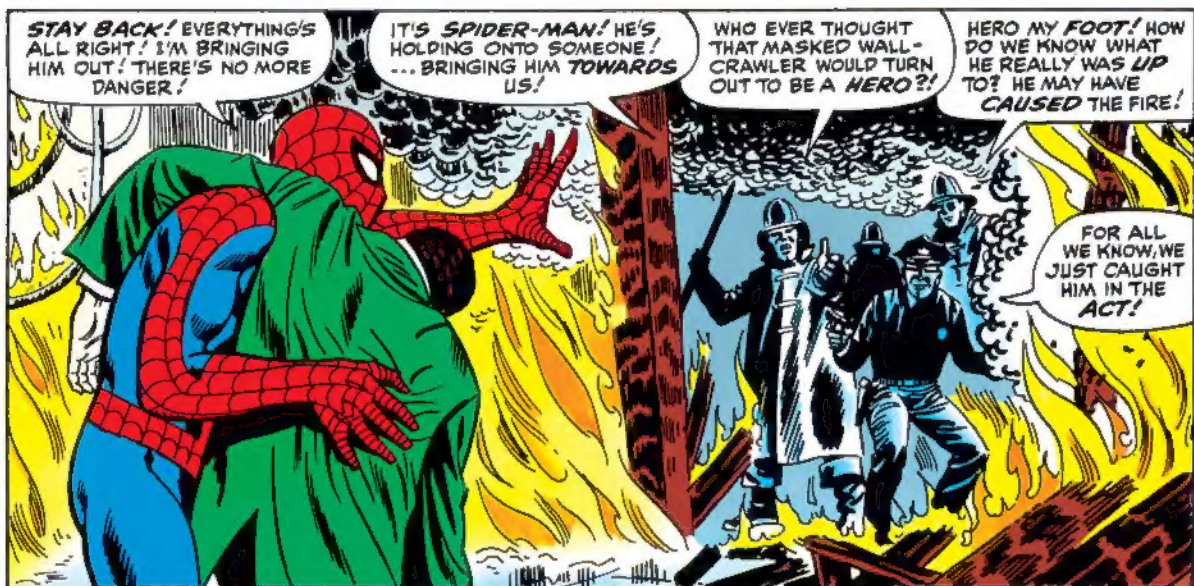
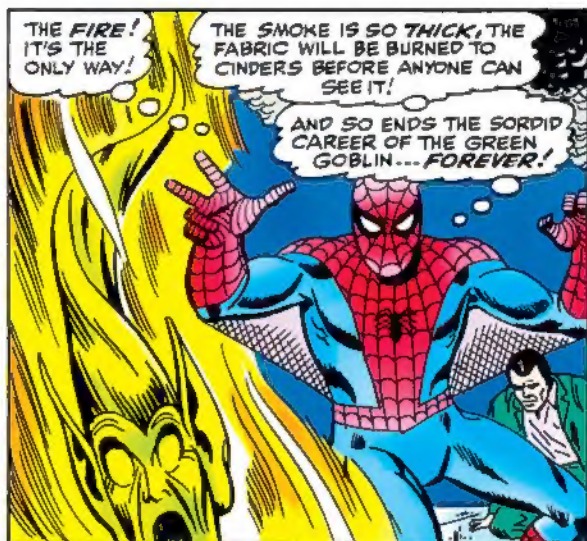
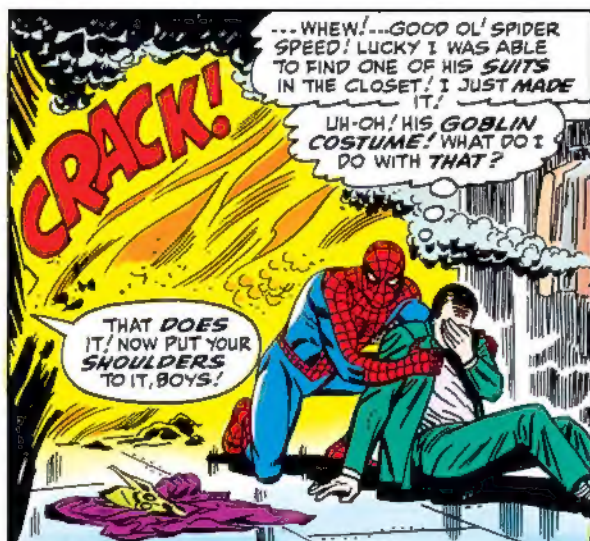
I CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE YOU ANOTHER BREATH! THIS IS THE WRAP-UP, GOBLIN... ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!

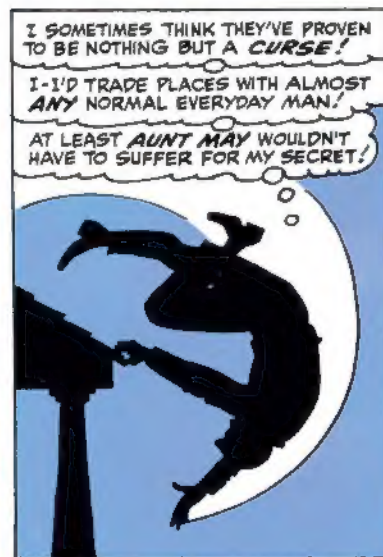
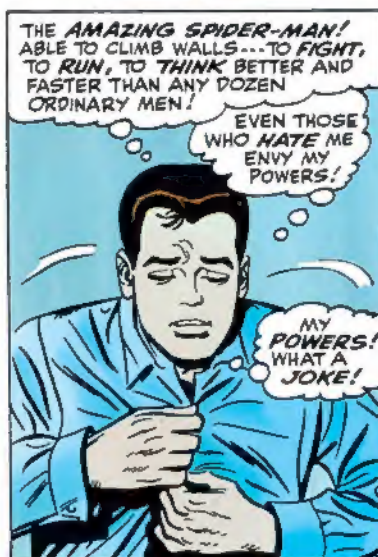
HE LOST HIS FOOTING! HE'S FALLING BACK... KNOCKING THOSE LIVE WIRES INTO THE VIALS OF CHEMICALS!



CAN'T GRAB HIM IN TIME! HE'S GETTING THE FULL EFFECT OF THE ELECTRO-CHEMICAL CHARGE!







LUCKILY, I REACHED HER IN TIME TO PREVENT ANY SERIOUS ILL EFFECTS!

BUT, IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN... IT MAY BE TOO LATE!

IT... WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, DOCTOR!

I HOPE NOT, MY BOY! FOR THE SAKE OF BOTH OF YOU!

AFTER THE DOOR CLOSES QUIETLY BEHIND HIM, A BROODING PETER PARKER MAINTAINS SILENT VIGIL THROUGH THE LONG, LONELY, SEEMINGLY ENDLESS HOURS, UNTIL...

PETER! IS... IS THAT YOU?

AUNT MAY! YOU'RE AWAKE! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

OF COURSE I AM, DEAR... NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE!

BUT, IT WAS SO LATE! AND YOU HADN'T CALLED! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK! THE CITY STREETS CAN BE SO CRUEL... SO DANGEROUS!

SHE'S OKAY! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS! SHE'S OKAY!

WHERE WERE YOU, PETER?

IT BUGS ME TO LIE... BUT HOW CAN I TELL HER I WAS FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE AGAINST A DEADLY MADMAN IN A BURNING BUILDING?

YOU POOR DEAR! I KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MEANS TO YOU... AND HOW YOU WANT TO REMAIN AT THE HEAD OF THE DEAN'S LIST!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT, AUNT MAY! I WAS STUDYING WITH ONE OF MY CLASSMATES, AND WE JUST FORGOT HOW LATE IT WAS GETTING!

BUT YOU SIMPLY MUSTN'T SPEND SO MUCH TIME STUDYING! YOU NEED SOME FRESH AIR... SOME EXERCISE!

IN FACT, LOOK HOW FLUSHED YOUR FACE IS NOW!

I DO DECLARE! YOU HAVE A FEVER!

AUNT MAY... THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I FEEL FINE! IT'S I WHO SHOULD BE LOOKING AFTER YOU!

NONSENSE, PETER! YOU KNOW HOW FRAGILE YOU ARE! THIS WARM BROTH AND A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP WILL DO YOU A WORLD OF GOOD!

MY HEAD WAS WARM BECAUSE I WAS SO NEAR THE FLAMES FOR SO LONG! BUT... MY BEST BET IS TO LET HER MINISTER TO ME! IT'S GOOD THERAPY FOR HER!

JUST KNOWING THAT YOU'RE HOME SAFE AGAIN HAS MADE ME FEEL LIKE A NEW WOMAN!

AND, IN AN EXPENSIVE HOSPITAL ROOM, ON THE FASHIONABLE EAST SIDE OF MANHATTAN... A FATHER AND SON SEEM TO FIND EACH OTHER AGAIN... AS THOUGH AFTER AN ABSENCE OF MANY LONG, NOW-FORGOTTEN YEARS...

DON'T WORRY, DAD! EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT... WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN!

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED, SON... THESE PAST FEW YEARS SEEM TO BE FOREVER BURIED... FOREVER LOST TO ME!

BUT, THE FUTURE LIES AHEAD... AND IT WILL BE A GOOD ONE... FOR BOTH OF US! SOMEHOW I KNOW THAT NOW!

NEXT ISSUE:

DON'T MISS PETER PARKER'S STARTLING DECISION

PLUS...

AN ALL-NEW, FANTASTICALLY POWERFUL SUPER-FOE FOR SPIDEY!

'NUFF SAID!